



# MacFarlane Newsletter

Week 8 Term 1, 2023  
21/3/2023



## Principal's Message .....

Hello and welcome to Week 8 of Term 1 for 2023. The weeks are certainly getting by at the moment. It is now less than three weeks to go until the end of the school term and the Easter holiday break. School finishes on Thursday afternoon April 6<sup>th</sup>.

We have a number of new staff that have just joined our school recently. I would like to give a warm welcome to Tasha Shine and Jasmine Arnold as our new class tutors in the Transition and Years 5/6 Harvey classes. It is wonderful to have them in classes helping the children learn. Also, we have two new people helping Ms Donna in the canteen. Zara Campbell and Alison Croydon have just started work and share the support position. Could you please all join me in welcoming all of our new staff to our school.

Our student enrolment and attendance continues to remain strong throughout Term 1. We now have a total of 199 students actively enrolled in our school. Last week we had an average attendance of 70%. Congratulations to the 3/4/5Mallika and Preschool classes for being our top attenders in Week 7 (80%). Well done also to the 1/2Sophie class for being right behind them at 78%.

Interschool sport commenced again last Friday afternoon. It was great for the students to be able to re-engage in sport with other schools from the Katherine area. The sport for the remainder of this term will be basketball, and will be hosted by Casuarina Street Primary School.

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is currently underway. All of our Year 3 and 5 students will complete the assessments in writing, conventions of language, reading and numeracy. This will be completed over the next couple of days this week. I want to thank all of our Year 3 and Year 5 students for participating in the testing program and giving everything a go.

A big thank you once again to Ms Lisa and Ms Elaine for taking on the front office work while Ms Kerri is away. They have done a fantastic job. Thank you to our school community for your patience during this very busy time. With all going well Ms Kerri will be back with us next week and Ms Lisa and Ms Elaine will go back to doing their own jobs.

Unfortunately, I have to inform you all that our Assistant Principal, Mrs Ruth Millikan, has won another position and will be leaving us at the end of the term. Ruth has worked extremely hard over the many years that she has been here, all in the interests of the students and their learning. She will be sadly missed by our staff, our students and the wider school community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ruth for all that she has done for MacFarlane School and for me personally. I wish her all the best for the future and look forward to hearing about how well she is doing at her next school.

Well that's about it for me this week. It has been wonderful experiencing some early dry season weather just recently. I see we can expect some more storms later on this week. Until next week all the best!

Regards,

Philip Russell

Principal



## Back to School Voucher

Anyone who has not got their uniforms for the new year please come to the front office.

For further information please contact the front office on 08 8965 1700



## Student of the Week

### Week 7

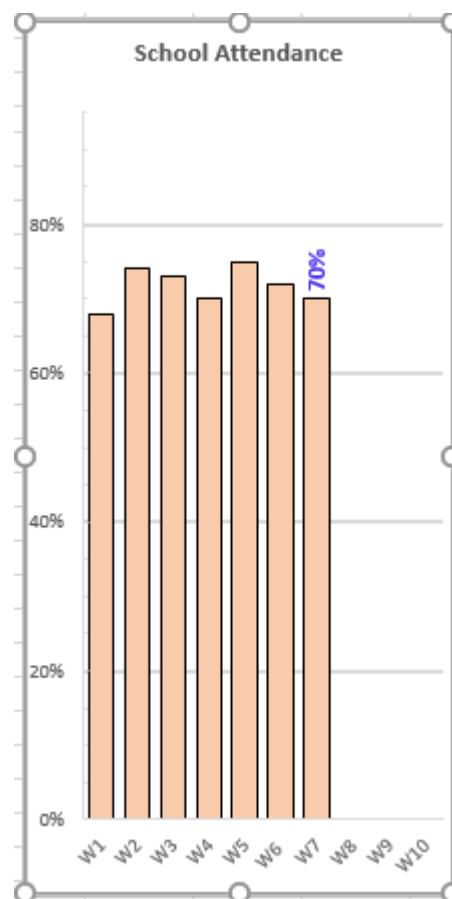
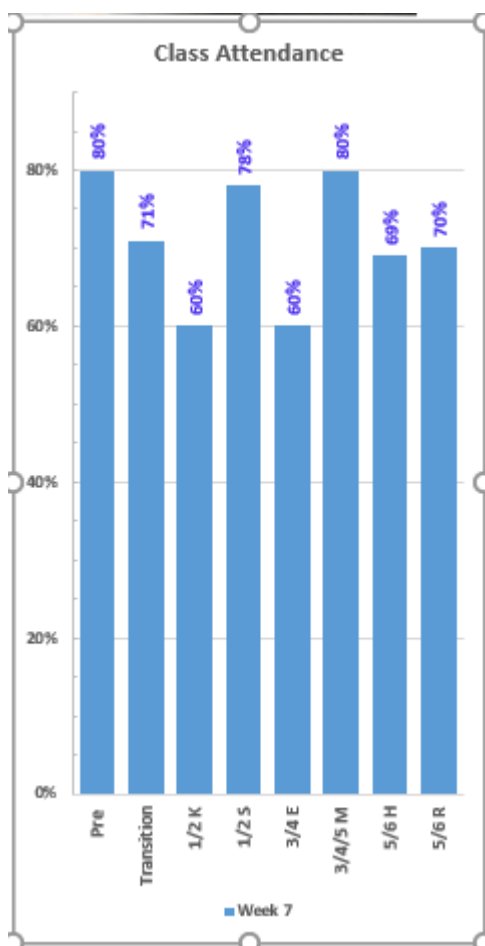
Oliver Wing  
Ashton McInerney  
Keturah Campion  
Shoniquah Ogilvie  
Alex Hurley  
Gemma Wilson  
Dylan Hume



## Merit Award

### Week 7

May-Lou Runyu  
Trent AhFat  
Damien Gillett  
Jayshaun Bara  
Mia Russell-Pell  
Coral Addi  
Stan Umbulgurri  
Andre Hurley



## Attendance Champs

### Preschool &

3/4/5 Mallika 80%



These students aren't really lying on the floor playing on iPads, no they are doing their NAPLAN tests.

## MacFarlane Events Diary

8	March 20	March 21 Fluoride Treatment Program NAPLAN	March 22 Fluoride Treatment Program NAPLAN	March 23 Fluoride Treatment Program NAPLAN	March 24 Fluoride Treatment Program Interschool sport
9	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31 Awards Assembly 8:30 Interschool sport





## Top End Oral Health Service Fluoride Varnish Program



Students from Miss Emma's 3/4 class  
all waiting to get the fluoride treatment.



Our MacFarlane Choir are going to Casuarina Street School to practise with other school choirs for the Katherine Beat Festival, this Friday.

This year's theme is courage. Our choir students are showing our school values of being resilient by singing in front of an audience. This can be quite scary and takes courage.



### Northern Territory Sports Academy Foundations Program 2023

**Come and try!**

Commencing:

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> March

@ Katherine High School

4:15pm – 5:00pm (Indoor Hall)

Age Group is 5+ years

5:15pm – 6:15pm (Tennis Courts)

Age Group is 11+ years



**Interested?**

Contact William:  
[william.kossack@nt.gov.au](mailto:william.kossack@nt.gov.au)

The Foundations Program sessions have been developed as a fun way to develop skills, strength, conditioning and fitness.

Suitable for **all ages** and transferable across all sporting codes to **improve physical literacy** and general **health and wellbeing**.



We're up and soaring! Reading 12 books in 24 weeks is pretty easy when you take home a reader each night, listen to stories your teachers read and listen to stories from Miss Levina and Mr Arnold. Make sure you write the names of the books down so the challenge form can be filled in to receive your award.